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mountainside for a bed. Very little time was lost till all were comfortably or uncomfortably located below the surface of the ground for the night. Next morning the company came back to the deserted town of La Parouche, had breakfast and dinner, leaving at 2 p. m., November 3, and arriving at Rupt, a little camp in a mountain hollow, about one kilometre from the highway, at 11 p. m., despite the darkness and mud, after a little walk of twenty kilometres. "K" and "M" Companies remained here till 5 p. m., November 5, when they hiked nine kilometres, the last lap of which was up grade and very difficult to make through mud three inches deep, arriving at Camp Douzaine at 7:30 p. m., in the Verdun sector.

MEUSE-ARGONNE OFFENSIVE

Here the Company was placed in reserve for the front. The Eighty-first Division relieved the Thirty-fifth Division at this time. Extended order drill and range practice took most of the time. Quite often was one awakened from his slumbers here by the American artillery close by (Thirty-fifth Division). Everyone realized that this was a more active front than heretofore.

On the night of November 8 the men were informed that the German delegates would cross the boundary line that night at 8 o'clock to sign the armistice terms. Everybody was jubilant over the news and feeling that the war would be over in a day or two before they were again brought into the active struggle. So after a few hours of real enjoyment that would remind one of an American "Soiree" in peace times, all retired and turned off the lights. Soon not a sound could be heard except the hum of the little motor near by, which never sang so sweetly before nor lulled happier hearts to sleep.